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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. MBHB04-736 (400.134))

In the Application of:	)	
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McSwiggen et al.	)	
	)	**Examiner: Epps Ford**
Serial No.: 10/683,990	)	
	)	**Group Art Unit: 1633**
Filing Date: October 10, 2003	)	
	)	**Confirmation No. 3438**
For: RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition Of Placental growth Factor Gene Expression Using Short Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA)	)	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 8, 2006

Madam:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on December 8, 2006 in the above-mentioned application. Applicant submits herewith a petition for a three month extension of time. With the extension of time, a response is timely filed on June 8, 2007. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.